DISTRICT REPORTS.

8. Markets how supplied.

9. Progress of agricultural operations, state of standing crops, prospects and probable outturn of harvests, serious damage done to crops by insects or other natural calamities.

10. Prospects of season, tracts in which the rainfall has been insufficient, areas affected by scarcity, number of people under relief, and state of food stocks.

11. Public health.

12. Remarks as to the condition of agricultural stock, failure of pasturage, of fodder, etc.

BANGALORE CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION.

		Average for the past five years of the corresponding week.	*Current.*	
Prices of food grains—Rice	...	7·1	5½ to 5¾	seers per rupee.
Ragi	...	17·5	10 to 11	seers per rupee.

Agricultural operations.—Ragi thrashing.
Outturn of harvests.—Ragi, yield 4 annas.
Cattle are in good condition. Water and fodder sufficient.

BANGALORE CITY AND TALUKS.

8. Markets generally well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Manuring of fields in the Channapatna Taluk.
Standing crops.—Condition of sugar-cane is good in the Devanhalli Taluk, moderate in Nelamangala, Kankanhalli and Closepet, and withering in the Anekal Taluk. Bengal gram is also withering in the Magadi and Dodballapur Taluks.
Crops sown.—Sugar-cane in the Bangalore, Kankanhalli and Devanhalli Taluks.
Crops harvested.—Sugar-cane has been harvested in some places in Bangalore and milled in the Nelamangala, Magadi and Devanhalli Taluks.
Outturn of harvests.—Sugar-cane in the Nelamangala and Dodballapur Taluks, yield 8 annas; ragi in the Closepet Sub-Taluk, yield 9 annas; paddy in the Closepet Sub-Taluk, yield 3 annas.

10. It is reported that prospects of the season are good in the Hoskote and Anekal Taluks, moderate in the Bangalore, Nelamangala, Kankanhalli and Devanhalli Taluks and not good in the Channapatna Taluk. Scarcity is felt in the Hessarghatta Hobli of Bangalore and in a few villages of the Nelamangala and Hoskote Taluks. Seven hundred and ninety persons are employed in tank works in the Nelamangala Taluk, 126 in the Hoskote Taluk, 149 in Devanhalli Taluk and 40 in the Magadi Taluk, 15 are in receipt of gratuitous relief in the Magadi Taluk and 91 in the Dodballapur Taluk. Food stuffs are available.

11. Except for small-pox in parts of Kankanhalli and Channapatna and in the Closepet town, plague in some places in the Bangalore Taluk and cholera in Manjahalli, Dodballapur Taluk, public health generally good.

12. Except for "Dod Roga" and "Chappe Roga" in parts of the Kankanhalli and Channapatna Taluks and "Dod Roga" and "Neradi Roga" in parts of the Anekal Taluk, cattle generally healthy. Fodder is available for the present. Well water is being used in parts of the Channapatna, Anekal and Kankanhalli Taluks and in the Closepet Sub-Taluk.

KOLAR.

8. Markets moderately supplied.

9. *Standing crops* under *kapile* wells are reported to be in fairly good condition.
Crop sown.—Sugar-cane in Chintamani, Sidlaghatta, Bagepalli, Srinivaspur and Gudibanda.
Crops harvested.—Horse gram in Bowringpet and Bagepalli; ragi in Kolar and Srinivaspur and sugar-cane in almost all the taluks of the district.
Outturn of harvest.—
Horse gram in Bowringpet—Yield from 2 to 4 annas.
" Bagepalli— Do
Ragi in Kolar—Yield from 2 to 8 annas.
" Srinivaspur—Yield from 1 to 4 annas.
Sugar-cane throughout the district.—Yield from 4 to 12 annas.

10. Prospects of the season not satisfactory. Food stuffs are available; but their prices continue to be very high.
Demand for labour continues to be the same as in last week.

11. Except for plague in parts of the Kolar and Malur Taluks, and small-pox in parts of the Mulbagal Taluk, public health generally good.

12. Rinderpest is reported to be still prevailing in parts of Mulbagal, Sidlaghatta and Bagepalli. Water and fodder moderately sufficient for the present. Temporary wells have also been sunk in parts of the Goribidnur and Srinivaspur Taluks and in Chikballapur town.

TUMKUR.

8. Supply in markets sufficient.

9. *Standing crops.*—Under wells in the Maddagiri, Sira and Pavagada Taluks, and cholum and Bengal gram in the Maddagiri, Chiknayakanhalli, Gubbi and Kunigal Taluks and in the Koratagere and Turuvekere Sub-Taluks, are reported to be in moderately good condition. Bengal gram and cholum in tank beds in the Sira and Tiptur Taluks and sugar-cane in the Tumkur and Kunigal Taluks are withering.

Crops sown.—Paddy and Nati ragi in the Maddagiri Taluk.

Crops harvested.—Sugar-cane in the Tumkur, Maddagiri and Kunigal Taluks and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk; Bengal gram in the Maddagiri and Tiptur Taluks; cholum in the Gubbi and Tiptur Taluks; and horse gram, cotton and castor in the Pavagada Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season not satisfactory. Food stuffs are available but their prices are high. A large number of District Fund, Maramat and Municipal works now in progress in all parts of the district, are affording sufficient labour to the poor. Gratuitous relief is also being given to deserving persons in affected parts.

11. Except for plague in certain villages of the Tumkur Taluk, small-pox in the taluks of Maddagiri, Chiknayakanhalli and Tiptur, and cholera in Venkatapur in the Pavagada Taluk, public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" is still prevailing in all the taluks except Chiknayakanhalli and Kunigal and the Koratagere Sub-Taluk. Except in the Maddagiri Taluk and the Koratagere Sub-Taluk, difficulty is being felt for water and fodder. Temporary wells are being dug up to mitigate water scarcity. And water is also being baled out from wells for cattle. Twenty-two cattle of the Tiptur Taluk and 396 cattle and 566 sheep of the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk have come back home from the forests, where they had been taken for grazing.

MYSORE.

8. Markets fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Lands in parts of the Gundlupet Taluk are being ploughed and made ready for sowing kar seeds; and lands in the T.-Narsipur Taluk have been ploughed and people there are anxiously looking forward for the "Mungar".

Standing crops.—Condition of Bengal gram in parts of the Nagamangala Taluk is reported to be not good. Sugar-cane, Bengal gram and castor in parts of the Mysore Taluk and paddy in parts of the Mandya Taluk, are reported to be withering for want of water. Standing crops are reported to be in good condition in parts of the Hunsur and Seringapatam Taluks, and in fair condition in parts of the Chamrajnagar, Nanjangud, T.-Narsipur, Malvalli, Mandya and Nagamangala Taluks.

Crops harvested.—Melons in parts of the Mugur Hobli, T.-Narsipur Taluk; togari in parts of the Hunsur Taluk; Bengal gram in parts of the Yedatore, Heggaddevankote and Gundlupet Taluks; and menthya and coriander in parts of the Yedatore Taluk. Ragi is being thrashed in parts of the Malvalli and Heggaddevankote Taluks.

10. Prospects of the season indifferent in certain parts and not good in others. Food stuffs are available with raiyats and merchants, but their prices are still high.

Number of people under relief.—Forty-seven individuals in the Mandya Taluk and 554 in the Nagamangala Taluk are reported to be under gratuitous relief. The number in the Mandya Taluk is likely to increase with the progress of the season as private charity is gradually contracting. It is reported that, in the Krishnarajpete Taluk, nearly Rs. 130 have been paid to coolies employed on tank works and ragi worth Rs. 115 has been gratuitously distributed to relieve distress. At Bannur in the T.-Narsipur Taluk, private charity is being organized for relieving distress which is beginning to be extent among the very poor and *paradanashin* classes there. It is reported that tank works in the Mandya Taluk are not attracting many and that the daily average attendance in the Gajjalgere tank is only about 30.

11. Except for plague in a few places in the district, public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" and "Sappe Roga" are still prevailing in parts of the district. In parts of the Mandya Taluk, it is reported that cattle are suffering from "Tholla Roga". Fodder is scarce in parts of the Krishnarajpete and Nagamangala Taluks. In the Mandya Taluk it is available for the present in all the villages, owing to the scanty stock having been increased by large purchases of paddy straw from the Seringapatam, T.-Narsipur and Yedatore Taluks. Difficulty for drinking water in the Mandya Taluk is increasing more and more as the existing sources are fast drying up. Villagers themselves are sinking temporary wells and deepening old ones in the majority of the villages. Water is available at present in other places.

HASSAN.

8. Markets fairly well supplied, but their prices are high.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Wet lands in the Manjarabad Taluk are being ploughed.

Standing crops.—Sugar-cane in the Hassan Taluk and paddy in the Channarayapatna Taluk are withering for want of rain; and for want of moisture, kadale sown in tank beds in the Channarayapatna Taluk are also withering. Avare and kadale in the Arkalgud Taluk, sugar-cane and kadale below channels in the Hole-Narsipur Taluk, sugar-cane and kadale in the Belur Taluk, sugar-cane in the Channarayapatna Taluk and kadale sown in beds of tanks in the Arsikere Taluk, are reported to be in fair condition.

Crops harvested.—Kadale in the Hole-Narsipur and Arkalgud Taluks and the Alur Sub-Taluk; sugar-cane in the Belur Taluk and the Alur Sub-Taluk and avare in the Arkalgud Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season generally fair, except in parts of the Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks, parts of Dod-Kadnur and Kasba Hoblis of the Hole-Narsipur Taluk and parts of Madihalli and Halebidu Hoblis of the Belur Taluk, where they are not encouraging.

11. Except for plague in parts of the Hassan Taluk and measles in the Hole-Narsipur town, public health generally good.

12. Except for "Dod Roga" in parts of the Manjarabad, Hole-Narsipur, Arkalgud, Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks, and "foot and mouth" disease in the Arsikere Taluk, cattle are generally in fair condition. Fodder is generally available. Report is the same as in last week as regards the want of fodder in parts of Channarayapatna and Arsikere. Report is the same as in last week as regards water difficulty in parts of the district and the relief measures adopted for overcoming the same.

SHIMOGA.

8. Markets moderately supplied.

9. *Standing crops, viz.*—White jola, cotton and Bengal gram in the maidan taluks are not in good condition.

Crop sown.—Sugar-cane in portions of the Honnali and Shikarpur Taluks and of the Kumsi Sub-Taluk.

Crops harvested.—Same as in last week.

10. Prospects of the season uncertain. Food stuffs are available, but their prices continue to be high. The general condition of the district remains unchanged.

11. Public health generally good. But plague has broken out in the villages of Kohalli and Kesvinakatte in the Kumsi Sub-Taluk.

12. Murrain (ಬೊಪ್ಪ ರೋಗ) is prevalent among cattle in certain villages of the Shimoga, Channagiri and Honnali Taluks. Water and fodder are available for the present.

KADUR.

8. Markets well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Ploughing in Chikmagalur and Mudgere, and transplanting of Kode paddy in Mudgere are going on.

Standing crops.—Condition of these in the district is unsatisfactory for want of timely and sufficient rain.

Crops harvested and their yield.—

In Chikmagalur—Bengal gram and sugar-cane, yield from 4 to 8 annas.
Castor, fenugreek and gingelly, „ 2 to 4 „
In Kadur—Wheat and Bengal gram, yield, 4 annas.
In Tarikere— „ „ „ 12 „
Sugar-cane „ 8 „
In Koppa—Coffee „ 12 „
In Mudgere—Coffee and areca „ 8 „
In Yedahalli—Areca, yield from 8 to 10 annas.
Sugar-cane, yield from 8 to 12 annas.

10. Though the prospects of the season continues unsatisfactory as in the previous weeks, yet there seems to be no necessity for any special arrangements being made to provide for labour, owing to the poorer classes being able to find labour in the fields and the ordinary public works in progress throughout the district. Food stuffs are available, but their prices continue to be still high.

11. Except for plague in certain villages of the Kadur and Tarikere Taluks, public health generally good.

12. Cattle generally healthy. Water and fodder are available in the malnad but difficulty is felt in procuring them in the maidan portions of the district.

CHITALDRUG.

8. Markets well supplied.

9. *Standing crops.*—Excepting those under *kapile* wells and channels which are in fairly good condition, the rest are reported to be withering.

Crops sown.—Nil.

Crops harvested and their yield.—Horse gram in the Challakere Taluk, yield 2 annas; and jola, cotton and Bengal gram in the Holalkere Taluk, yield from 4 to 8 annas.

10. Prospects of the season fair, except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Hosdurga, Jagalur and Davangere Taluks. To relieve the distress of the poor and needy many works have been started in the affected parts of the district. There is great demand for takavi loans and for gratuitous relief in the affected parts of the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Davangere, Jagalur and Hosdurga Taluks and the Harihar Sub-Taluk. There are 40 works in progress in several villages of the district. Food stuffs are available.

11. Public health generally good.

12. Cattle healthy, except in parts of the Chitaldrug and Holalkere Taluks, where Rinderpest is prevailing. Water and fodder available except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Molakalmuru and Hosdurga Taluks. Fodder being insufficient, it is got at very high rates in places, where it is available; and in places where it cannot be had, cattle are being taken away to forests for grazing there. Some from the Hosdurga Taluk have availed themselves of the Government concession of obtaining fodder free from the Forest Department at Tarikere. Water is made available in many places by deepening existing wells and sinking new ones.

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